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TO: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Teachers/FFA Advisors

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RE: Forestry Career Development Event

An online Forestry Career Development Event will be New Jersey's qualifying event for the National FFA Convention. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

The Forestry Career Development Event will have three components.

- ✂ Forestry General Knowledge Exam – 45 minutes – 50 questions worth 100 points
- ✂ Tree Identification – 30 minutes – 15 specimens from photos worth 100 points
- ✂ Equipment Identification – 30 minutes – 20 specimens from photos worth 100 points

How will the event be administered online?

1. The 2009 Forestry Career Development Event is an online Career Development Event using the Custom Standards Assessment (CSA) Tracker. This will allow teams to compete from a remote location.
2. Computers with internet access will be needed for each competitor in the event.
3. A proctor will be needed. This person can not be someone training and working with team members. You are encouraged to reach out to guidance counselors or school administrators. Having them proctor this event will allow you to share with them how agricultural education is on the cutting edge.
4. Students will be assigned user names and passwords to access the exam after proctor approval. An instruction sheet for students and a password list will be e-mailed to registered chapters on Monday, March 23, 2009.
5. **On Wednesday, 25, 2009, the online exam will be active from 2:00-4:30 pm.** The entire team must compete at the same time.

6. Authenticity of Work Certification must be signed by participants and the proctor and faxed to the Office of Agricultural Education upon completion of the event.

Please **pre-register** your teams with the New Jersey Office of Agricultural Education by **March 2, 2009**. When submitting your registration to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us, please include the name of your proctor in the e-mail.

The Forestry team may consist of four dues-paid members. The scores of the top three individuals in these events will count as the team score. A \$9.00 registration fee per contestant or \$36.00 fee per contest team will be assessed for each chapter participating. Please use the online form to register for these events. Registrations must be emailed to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us. Payment should be forwarded prior to March 25. Make checks payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey. Checks may be mailed to: Office of Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, PO Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625-0330.

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